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Inventor: HOSSLER, Brad E

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ROPE LOCKING DEVICE WITH  
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**PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant petitions to revive this case to determine whether it was abandoned, and if so, to revive it under 37 CFR 1.137 (b). No Notice of Abandonment has ever been received for this serial number. However, a Notice of Abandonment was received on November 26, 2003 for U.S. Serial No. 09/994,942. We have no file with this serial number, although PAIR shows this serial number with the same title as captioned above. A Response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed February 4, 2002, was unintentionally delayed. Although a continuation-in-part was filed to continue prosecution, the application captioned above was unintentionally abandoned. A Response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply is filed concurrently.

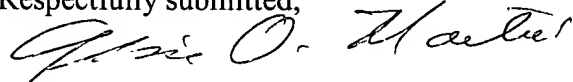
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A check for the petition fee of \$665.00 is enclosed.

No other fees are believed due at this time, however, please charge any additional deficiencies or credit any overpayments to deposit account number 12-0913 with reference to our attorney docket number (29947-92661).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice O. Martin".

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